

The two Great Admirable

Twenty seventh

WONDERS,

Or a perfect and true

Treatise

RELATION

Of the Birth of two strange ²⁷

MONSTERS;

The one at *Wodbridge*, in *Suffolk*, born *Octob. 23. 1661.* having four Leggs, four Armes, two Bodyes, one Head, no Neck, two Backs, the Head formed in the Brest.

WITH

The severall Speeches of the Mid-wife, and the Child-Bed-VVoman.

TOGETHER

Of the Second, born the next night following at *Ipswich*, *Octob. 24. 1661.* with all parts belonging to the Body, only the Face was without a Head.

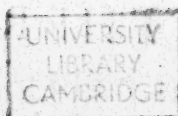
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Loving Countrymen,



HE great and wonderful Judgements of the Almighty hath been apparently shown within this our English Nation, and daily doth appear more, and more, for the hainousnesse of our sins, and evil transgressions, which vexeth the most High, as *Lot* was with *Sodom's* uncleannesse. Many fearful examples, wonderful and miraculous signes have of late been seen, and the heavy Judgements of God shewed upon divers persons, some in and about the City of *London*, others not far remote; therefore if it may be rightly considered, let us all like the poor Prodigal return before it be too late, for the hand of the Lord is now upon us, and all to put us in remembrance of the great and notable day which is to come, according to the true saying in the twenty fourth of *Mathew*, *When the Hawthorn Tree buds forth her buds, behold Summer is nigh*; So likewise when you see all these things come to passe, know that the great and notable day is even at the door. These words are true, for they were prophesied from the mouth of our blessed Saviour himself; Therefore we and all others ought to take

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warning

warning by this, for God Almighty has given a fair warning already, by his several Judgements and fearful, examples, to wit, *Wainford* in *Suffolk*, *Clarken-well*, the *Faulcon* at the *Bank-side*, *Powels Ghost*, and the Town of *Brainford*, at which remembrance makes my heart to bleed to relate it, for as he was drinking a health to the Devil, God smote him with a sudden death, and the Fiend of Hell appeared in person. Many more than this I could relate, but for brevity sake I shall omit, and desire that *London* would look upon this, and remember the Town of *Siloe*, *Luke* 13. 4. Fear Gods Threatnings, *Jerem.* 17. 7. Believe Gods Prophets, if they will prosper; *1 Chron.* 20. 20. And comparatively look upon the formality of a Monster, born of the Body of one *Anne Wilson*, in the Town of *Wodbridge*, in *Suffolk*, the three and twentieth of this instant *October*, which is the matter in hand I am now about to treat upon. And Reader observe that whatsoever I have here set down in these following lines, is unfallible truth, being the true Copy which was sent up by Mr. *John Fuller*, a Neighbour, and an eye-witnesse where this Miracle was seen; Therefore to prevent any other false Pamphlets, which may be scattered abroad, inclining to this Subject, I have committed the words verbatim, being the true Copy to the Presse.

Which are these as followeth; Upon the twenty third day of *October* last, 1661. about three of the Clock in the Afternoon, in the Town of *Wodbridge*, in *Suffolk*; a Woman being in full Labour, of Child-birth, by name *Anne Wilson*, the Midwife was sent for in all speed, and other Women, who immediately came, all using their Art and Skill

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about this pained and distressed Woman, who lay in strong Travel from three of the Clock till seven at night, about which time she was delivered of a Monster, most sad and gashtful to look upon; the manner and proportion of it was described thus;

It was two Bodies twinne, having four Armes, compleat and properly fashioned, to the Body, also four Leggs, streight and even to the two Bodies, likewise one Head, but no Neck, the Head formed right cross between the two Bodies, also two Backs, and the Bodies growing together from the Navel upwards, both Females; No sooner was it brought forth into the World, but it graspt at any thing came near the Hand, to the wonderful Admiration of all the Spectators there present; this being blazed up and down the Country, numerous People flocked together, who went to take a view of this strange and admirable Monster, amongst whom was one Mr. Cogshal a Limner, living near adjacent, who came to see this wonderful Monster, drew the Pourtraicture of it; The Monster, according to the report of the Midwife, and the rest of the Company, was alive when 'twas born, but lived not long after the birth; The Midwife, and all the rest of the Women kept silence amongst one another all the while the Monster was alive, for fear of reducing the Child-bed-Woman into a fear, who call'd to them, saying, what hath God sent a Boy or a Girl, the Midwife answered a Girl, and bid her bear good cheer, and take something wherewith to comfort her heart, for what the Lord had sent into the World he was again pleased to take it away, therefore said she, *Blessed be*

the Name of the Lord. It seems then that the Monster was a departing the World, and at the last gasp, which was no small rejoycing to the People to see the death of so deformed a sad Spectacle as that was, the Mother of which call'd very earnestly to see her Child, saying, I have a trembling at my heart since the birth of the Child, I fear all things is not right, and therefore desired them to hide nothing from her, for said she if any thing be amisse the Will of the Lord be done, and no sooner were these words spoken but the Monster was departed, after which the Women agreed together to shew the Child-bed Woman her Child, and brought it to the Bed-side, and said again to the Woman be not dismayed, but sit up, and behold your little one, the Earthen Vessel cannot say to the Potter, why hast thou made me thus? for the Lord, who is otherwise the God of mercies, his holy will be done for ever, *Amen.* And no sooner had the Mother of it beheld it, but she fell a quaking, shivering, and trembling like one as had teen a Spirit, saying, Lord have mercy upon me, was this same Monster formed in my Womb, and gave it Nutrimment nine Months from my Body? am I exempted from the Nature of other Women, or excluded from the number of Mortalists? take it away said she, let me not see it no more; With that the Midwife took it away, and was heartily sorry that ever she had brought it to the Mother; They preserved it four dayes before they gave it Buriall, for that most of the Country did flock thither very numerous to see it, some of their Names being under written to attest it for a truth; The Monster was after buried, and the poor Child-bed Woman lies very desperate sick, being

being perplexed with so many sad disersions of mind, in thinking of this heavy Spectacle the Almighty was pleased her Body should bring forth into the World, so that in a most sad and distracted Condition she now lies in.

The same Night I received this news of the Monster born at *Woodbridge* in *Suffolk*, I also received another letter from *Ipswich*, of a Child born without a Face, described in the letter thus, being the very Night following the Monster at *woodbridge* was born, *October* the 24th. At *Ipswich* one *Joan Williams*, the Wife of *John Williams*, tell in Travel of Child-birth about Six a Clock in the Afternoon, and was delivered about Nine at Night, the birth whereof reduced all the Women and Spectators which were there into a most terrible fear, for it was a Male Child born without a Head, only a Face, and all the rest of the parts belonging to the Body was there, the Face was formed in the Breast to the great admiration of all present: The Mother of which call'd to the Midwife to see it, which being but a young Midwife rashly brought it unto her, and said it had never a Head, which the Woman perceiving, fell into such a fear that it even brought her sencelesse, and within two dayes departed this present life; And hereupon was I occasioned to set Pen to Paper, and let the Vulgar know how many sad Signs, wonderful Tokens, and admirable Judgements the Lord hath been pleased to send amongst us, and within this Twelve Months, to which if rightly understood, they are but Harbingers before his great and glorious Coming. O then let us with
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the blessed St. Peter watch and pray, lest that
he come like a Thief in the Night, and we are
unprovided for Oyl in our Lamps, for we know
not when the Hour is.



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